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MEMORANDUM FOR All 1-43d Air Defense Artillery Battalion Assigned Soldiers and Civilians

SUBJECT: Command Policy #12, Use of Tactical and Non-Tactical Vehicles

1. Reference. USFK Pam 385-2, Guide to Safe Driving in Korea, 24 February 2003.

2. Purpose: To reduce the risk associated with driving in Korea. Although conditions in Korea have greatly improved over the last several years, differences in our driving laws, the aggressive nature of many Korean drivers, and the sheer number of vehicles that are driven in often congested areas necessitate the need for mitigation measures to protect our troops from harm and to prevent equipment damage.

3. Policy

a. Military Vehicles will be used for official military business only.

b. The PGST or Kevlar helmet will be worn by all Soldiers operating or riding in tactical military vehicles on or off base.

c. The NCOIC and driver will ensure that the vehicle is properly dispatched and in a safe operating condition. As a minimum the supervisor will ensure that:

(1) The 35th ADA Brigade Risk Assessment form is properly completed and filled out before all missions.

(2) All passengers will wear seat belts if the vehicles are so equipped. Safety Straps will be used for troop carrying vehicles.

(3) No containers of alcohol will be transported in a military vehicle.

d. All vehicles will be secured and chock blocks positioned IAW with the environmental conditions and the TM. Tactical vehicles will be combat parked at all times.

e. All Tactical Vehicles will be secured in the unit motorpool or tactical site except for the minimum number of alert vehicles. Units will establish written procedures for securing the keys and dispatches of all vehicles on extended dispatch. The battalion XO will approve the list of vehicles for extended dispatch (excess of 1 day). No vehicle keys will be retained by the operator overnight or when the vehicle is not dispatched.

f. Tactical Commanders - A tactical commander (TC) will be in all vehicles on mission of any nature. TCs will be in the rank of E4 and above. The TC may drive as necessary if safety concerns so dictate. The TC is ultimately responsible for the safe and proper operation of the vehicle.

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(1) Trucks, 2 ½ Ton or LMTV and above, will have a TC that is the rank of CPL or above at all times.

(2) Fuel Tankers will have a TC that is the rank of SGT and above. Only a qualified fuel handler who possesses a valid operators license will operate a Fuel Tanker.

(3) Trucks carrying ammunition or explosives will have a TC that is the rank of E5 or above. Patriot Launchers and Avenger Missile Systems carrying live Ammunition may use an E4 during execution of Table VIII training.

g. Ground Guides. Use of ground guides has proven to prevent vehicle accidents and share an equal burden of responsibility with the TC to ensure safe operation of vehicles. Ground guides will be used as a minimum when:

(1) Trucks, 2 ½ Ton or LMTV and above, are entering; operating in; and around Motor Pools, High Pedestrian Areas, or Tactical Sites. High pedestrian areas include but are not limited to around barracks, dining facility, and the battalion headquarters.

(2) All vehicles are backing up or operating in congested parking areas.

(3) When conditions warrant – limited visibility.

i. Exceptions. Commanders may grant an exception to this policy after completing a risk assessment worksheet that outlines mitigation measures and is co-signed by a field-grade officer.

4. This is a punitive order. Persons subject to the UCMJ who fail to comply with the provisions of this order are subject to punishment under the UCMJ, as well as to adverse administrative and other adverse action authorized by applicable laws or regulations. Persons not subject to the UCMJ who fail to comply with the provisions of this order may be subject to adverse administrative actions including, but not limited to, revocation of privileges as authorized by applicable law and regulation.



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